

B/1a

P19585.A05

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Junji KAMIKUBO et al.

Serial No : 09/652,008

Filed : August 31, 2000

For : SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM FOR TANDEM TYPE PRINTER

Mail Stop Issue Fee

Group Art Unit: 2624

Confirmation No.: 2940

Examiner: Poon, King

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Issue Fee
Radolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

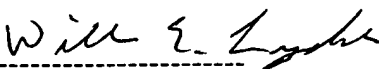
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on December 2, 2004 and to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached thereto, Applicants wish to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application. In this regard, while Applicants do not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references, Applicants submit that each of the claims in the present application recite a particular combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of each of these claims is based on the totality of the particular features recited therein.

P19585.A05

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
Junji KAMIKUBO et al.


----- William E. Lyddane
Reg. No. 41,568
Bruce H. Bernstein
Reg. No. 29,027

January 25, 2005
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1950 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191